

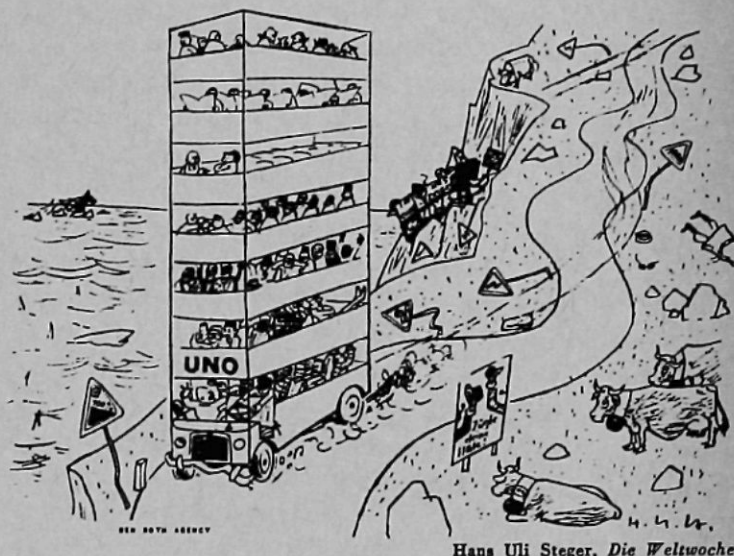
• Abroad •

Léopoldville. From David Holden's dispatch to moderately leftist *Manchester Guardian Weekly* (Oct. 19): "... Parliament has now been in session ... for the last two months and has accomplished nothing. Its deliberations—if such a term can be applied to its diffuse palavers—remain principally concerned with personal, family, or tribal aggrandizement, interspersed with parrot noises about colonialism and imperialism and the valiant struggle of the Congolese people. ... The trappings of democracy remain exactly that—alien institutions in a tribal society. ... [Independence] was simply handed to [the Congolese] on a plate in a form totally unsuited to Congolese realities. ... Spending will probably continue to exceed revenue in the proportion of three or four to one. ... This is not simply due to the loss of Katanga. ... A sickening financial irresponsibility cripples the whole country, based on the assumption ... that political freedom must mean more cash, cars, and concubines. Those in authority have made sure that they got them. One estimate suggests that as much as a third of the entire national income is devoted now to paying the wages of the Government and the Army. ... Political appointees have managed to raise their own emoluments by over 400%. Ordinary parliamentary deputies can and do ... make £400 or £500 a month, tax-free. ..."

Nairobi. Jomo Kenyatta, chief of the Mau Mau, has agreed, after keeping his courtiers waiting for three months following his release from detention, to accept leadership of KANU, Kenya's largest political party. It is expected that within the next few weeks, Britain will remove the last legal hindrance to his re-entry into full political activity. The day when Kenyatta will become chief, also, of the Kenya government is not far off.

Elisabethville. A key element of the late Dag Hammarskjöld's design for wrecking the Katanga regime is systematic slander of "white mercenaries." A few facts begin to pierce the UN curtain. In a letter printed by the *New York Times* (Oct. 28), California Professor Daniel J. Crowley identified Katanga's "secret" one-man air force as an old friend of his, of Walloon parentage: Joseph Delin, a moderately left-wing engineer and small businessman long resident in Katanga, a believer in African rule, known for his practical as well as theoretic acceptance of racial equality. A number of veterans (or "dregs," as Mr. H. called them) of the Algerian civil war have also been recently identified, most of them with impressive records extending back into the anti-Nazi Resistance: Captain de La Bourdonnaye, Commandant Roger Faulk, Captains Heltzen and Egey. Shortly after Congolese independence, Commandant Faulk, an expert in guerrilla and subversive warfare, advised Moïse Tshombe: "Sooner or later the UN will attack you. Disperse your forces, your food supplies and your arms in small villages. Be ready to fight a guerrilla-style war

in the bush, to make commando raids and to lay ambushes. You are not strong enough to risk open battle against their equipment." Faulk taught his men never to maneuver without a covering force of thirty or forty commandos. While these immobilized UN tanks and armored cars, Faulk's specialists mounted shock operations with formidable speed, and achieved remarkable success.



Hans Uli Steger, *Die Weltwoche*

Conakry, Guinea. Following Sekou Touré's announcement two months ago of the Africanization of the Catholic Church in Guinea, the French members of the clergy are being rapidly expelled, beginning with the primate, Archbishop de Milleville, and including ancient priests who have spent their entire working lives in Guinea. The civil authorities have taken over all primary and secondary schools. Even the small Conakry seminary has been nationalized, and its students, who had started the autumn terms September 1, sent home—thus suggesting that the anti-Church moves are to include the native clergy also. Touré refuses even to discuss Church relations except with an African (*sc.*, Negro).

Florence. In its attitude toward "the new Africa," the Italian Left is developing the obsessive inverted racism of our epoch along imaginative lines. At the Mediterranean Cultural Congress, the official host, Signor La Pira, Florence's famous Poor Man Mayor, declared that God has entrusted to the Negro race the task of purifying human civilization, cutting away its dead and diseased branches, and introducing spiritual beauty and light, religious revival and poetic feeling. The social-democratic newspaper, *Avanti!*, announces that the "temples of spirit worship" destroyed in Africa "under the blows of colonizers and slave merchants" were the equal of Europe's Gothic cathedrals; and the fifteenth- and sixteenth-century bronzes found in the ruins of Benin, "unquestionably" of the same aesthetic level as European art works of the same period (*i.e.*, as the works of Donatello, Leonardo, Michelangelo, Titian ...). A German scholar is quoted to prove that the Africans didn't invent writing because they had the tom-tom, a superior medium of communication.

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